

City Advisory Committee Recommends Reduction of 30 per cent in Assessment

Committee Completes Work After Holding 28 Meetings—New Assessment Will Represent Fair Market Value for Property—Tax Rate Will be Increased as Result—Retail Grocers Protest Against Action of Committee and Ask Reconsideration—Car Line Extension to Elm Park Asked.

The total assessment of the city for 1914 has reduced about 30 per cent. from the previous year. The assessment advisory committee to council last night. The committee completed its work on the city's budget before the council. It was decided that the assessment required reducing all over the city and that the city should be reduced in such reductions as was unanimously deemed advisable. The tax rate was set at 10 cents on the dollar.

was the smaller grocers who were on the board. They were not interested in their store. They asked if council would reconsider the matter.

Mr. Short emphasized the point that the small grocers were not now petitioning the council. They wanted to have the opportunity to be heard. He said that he would call all hours of the night. Also the petitioners had complied with the provisions of the law.

tion to the meeting with the board of trade committee. He moved that Ambassador Macdonald and Wilson be appointed as a special assessment com-

Council agreed, subsequently, when the report of the committee came before.

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"Corps de Choc', Saved The French at Verdun

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Russia sent a telegram of congratulations to General Balfourier and his sturdy fighters. A few days later the Bulletin des Armees de la Republique made an equally generous reference.

"They played a covering role," were the concise and restrained words of the bulletin, a role crushing and shattering in its effect. It was not contributed beyond a doubt to the saving of Verdun.

The Twentieth is the first of the corps of the "corps d'elite." Its men are the picked fighters of an army which is made up wholly of fighting men. The "corps d'elite" has been the mainstay of the Old Guard that died under Napo-

regiment of the corps lost all but sixty men in hard more than an average of the other regiments. In one company of 240 men only twelve came out whole. Such facts are not made public. It is only by chance that the Twentieth's losses of the Twentieth's regiments fought three days without food. It was so completely exhausted that when it was relieved it fell overboard in the march back to the Rpos camp. But during the battle every step had

They have never been stopped in the field. Their ranks have been destroyed, but they have never broken.

A French regiment consists in peace of 12,000 to 15,000 men. Before the battle of Verdun there were regiments in the Twentieth Corps that had been killed down to the last man. It is a rare thing to find a statement of a courage that is incredible. There is not an organization in the allied armies that should be so much respected as the French army.

That is the tradition of the Twentieth Corps. The tradition that has made it unbeatable. For the most part its men come from Lorraine, the most warlike of the provinces of France. The other men are called in from all over the country. The Germans are every where. These men hate better than any other Frenchmen do. They are cold and reserved and fatalistic. They are not like other Frenchmen. For the most part

"Hold the Germans back until General Petain comes up with his army!" was General Castelnau's order when the crown prince attacked Verdun. The Twentieth Corps had

not until war is over will the world know the cost.

General Johnston's strategy before the battle of Verdun was perfectly simple. He knew the Germans were preparing an attack somewhere along the front, but he had no way of knowing where. He strengthened his lines as best he could. Back of the

the best troops. They are held back a mile of the line, and well fed and drilled just enough and worked just hard enough to keep them in perfect physical condition. Such men step a little higher than other soldiers. Their eyes are clear, their faces are bright, their complexion clear. Their conviction of immortality is absolute.

With Flaming Courage.

There are scores of regiments in the Champagne that the Twentieth was taken part in an offensive. Such men have the toilsome part of war. They lose as many lives, perhaps, as the men who did the fighting. But they lack the tradition that makes an attacking regiment formidable, the tradition that can carry a regiment and a thoroughbred. The one is slow and stolid and does his work contentedly. The other is the Twentieth in the Champagne. The Twentieth was the first line. It was in the Champagne that the Twentieth swept through a German line and bayoneted the gunners as they moved the piece. The Twentieth has more than 16,000 names on their books in this war even before the battle of the Meuse. The Twentieth has the motto: "One wonders how many of them still live!"

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As a business firm, Messrs. Dredge & Crossland, Limited, printers, of 1015-1016A Street (Howard), have some of the prestige of old-timers in Edmonton, that is, so far as one member of the firm is particularly concerned.

Walter Dredge is one of Edmonton's pioneer printers, as he came to the city in 1882. That was the inaugura-
tion year, before the C.N.R. arrived
in town. Mr. Dredge commenced busi-
ness for himself on a site in Jasper
Road, where the late William
black now stands, and in a small way,
his business was carried on until
January, 1914, when he entered into
partnership with Robert Crossland,
and the new firm was opened in the
premises on Howard Street, still occu-
pied at the present time.

Robert Crossland came to Edmon-
ton in 1912, and for a time was man-
ager for the Bradburn Printing Co.
He is a native of Alberta, Ontario, and
Mr. Dredge also claims Ontario as
his native province. When the part-
nership was formed the plant was
considerably enlarged and today com-



ROBERT CROSSLAND
Manager of Dredge & Crossland.

prices at up-to-date print shop, as
can be wished for, and capable of
turning out all classes of work. What
is more both partners have an excel-
lent knowledge of the business and
this is a great aid to the quality of
the finished product.
Indeed, Mr. Dredge is considered to be one of
the best practical pressmen in the city
and certainly samples of his work
do not belie the assertion. Judging
from these same samples, Mr. Dredge
has a pretty good claim to such dis-
tinction, as printing and color work
were done in the best style and taste
and had all the effect that a good
printer likes to see.
The firm claims that there is no
printing job or branch of the work
which they are unwilling or unable
to carry out. Certainly their busi-
ness has grown and prospered, and
this means something when it is ad-
ded that all orders are received over
the counter. No solicitors are sent
out, neither are collectors employed,
as most of the trading is done on a
cash basis. In this way a margin is
saved which the customer receives in
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